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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

<u>Listing of Claims</u>:

Claims 1-28 (Cancelled).

29. (Currently Amended) A method for updating a remote non-email database stored on a remote computer with first update information stored in a server non-email database stored on a server computer, the method comprising:

having the server non-email database transfer the first update information to a server messaging application running on the server computer or a computer networked to the server computer;

forming an electronic mail [[or text]] message containing the first update information and having an address selected to deliver the message to the remote computer;

having the remote computer extract the first update information from the message; and using the first update information to update the remote non-email database.

30. (Currently Amended) A method for downloading first update information from a server non-email database stored on a server computer to a non-email application running on a remote computer, the method comprising:

having the server non-email database transfer the first update information to a server messaging application running on the server computer or a computer networked to the server computer;

forming an electronic mail [[or text]] message containing the first update information and having an address selected to deliver the message to the remote computer;

having the remote computer extract the first update information from the message; and providing the first update information to the non-email application.

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31. (Currently Amended) A method for at least partially synchronizing a remote non-email database stored on a remote computer with a server non-email database stored on a server computer, the method comprising:

having the server non-email database transfer first update information to a server messaging application running on the server computer or a computer networked to the server computer;

forming an electronic mail [[or text]] message containing the first update information and having an address selected to deliver the message to the remote computer;

having the remote computer extract the first update information from the message; and using the first update information to at least partially synchronize the remote non-email database with the server non-email database.

32. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 29 further comprising:

having the remote non-email database transfer second update information to a remote messaging application;

forming an electronic mail [[or text]] message containing the second update information within the body of the message and having an address selected to deliver the message to the server;

having the server extract the second update information from the message, and using the second update information to update the server non-email database.

33. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 30 further comprising:

having the remote non-email application transfer second update information to a remote messaging application;

forming an electronic mail [[or text]] message containing the second update information within the body of the message and having an address selected to deliver the message to the server;

having the server extract the second update information from the message, and using the second update information to update the server non-email database.

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34. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 31 further comprising:

having the remote non-email database transfer second update information to a remote messaging application;

forming an electronic mail [[or text]] message containing the second update information within the body of the message and having an address selected to deliver the message to the server;

having the server extract the second update information from the message, and using the second update information to at least partially synchronize the server non-email database with the remote non-email database.

- 35. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 29, 31, 32, or 34 wherein the non-email database comprises one of a personal information database and an inventory database.
- 36. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 35 wherein the non-email database comprises a personal information database that comprises calendar and address information.
- 37. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 30 or 33 wherein the non-email application comprises one of a personal information application and an inventory application.
- 38. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 37 wherein the non-email application comprises a personal information application that provides the user with calendar and address information.
- 39. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 29, 30 or 31 wherein messages are received at the remote computer by a remote messaging application that is a text-messaging or e-mail application principally intended for receiving text messages or e-mail addressed to the user of the remote computer.

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40. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 39 wherein a hook application running on the remote computer recognizes from the address of the message that the message is intended for use by the remote non-email database and extracts the message from the remote message application and provides it to the remote non-email database.